# **RECORD KEEPING**

State law requires every employer to keep records that will allow the department to compute premiums. These records must be open for examination by the department. Failure to maintain these records will result in penalties subject to WAC 296-17-35201 (\$250 per worker).

To properly document hours reported on quarterly reports, maintain the following records for three full calendar years following the year in which employment occurred:

### EMPLOYMENT RECORDS

FOR EACH WORKER -

- Name
- SSN
- Beginning & Ending Date of Employment
- Basis of Pay
- Units Earned or Produced for Pieceworkers
- Risk Class for each Employee
- The Number of Hours Worked (unless there is another method of computation provided
- Summary Time Record showing Days Worked and Hours Worked each Day
- Worker's Total Gross
- Worker's Specific Withholding (with purpose of withholding)
- Worker's Net Pay

### FINANCIAL RECORDS

- Check Register
- Bank Statements
- Cash Disbursements Journal

### TAX RECORDS

Employment Security Reports
Department of Revenue Reports
Internal Revenue Return and Forms

- W-2
- 941 (Quarterly Report)
- 10199 (Miscellaneous Income)
- Annual Tax Return

### OTHER RECORDS TO MAINTAIN

Check Registers

Canceled Checks

Cash Disbursement Journal

- Materials and Supplies
- Miscellaneous Contract Labor

Corporate Documents

- Articles of Incorporation
- Bylaws, Minutes of Meetings

Contracts

Invoices

**Financial Statements** 

Worksheets maintained for L&I Reports

## CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS

Contractors may be liable for premiums on their subcontractors if the subcontractors provide essentially labor only or if the subcontractor is controlled. If you have subcontractors that you consider exempt from coverage you must keep the following records:

Subcontractor's legal name Contractor Registration Number <u>AND</u> expiration date UBI Number (or L&I Account ID Number)



If you supply materials to the subcontractor, you must also keep records on: Type and amount of material supplied

Project name or location

Date material was supplied, and

Completion date of contracted work

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